



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Washington County Agriculture (AG) Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/17/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Washington County Agriculture Center is located on a seven acre property in Chipley, Florida and was constructed in the 1960's. It has been the host to multiple types of community, regional, and state-wide events including livestock shows, festivals, fairs, dances, pageants, fundraisers, banquets, graduations, theater and concert events, various educational and recreational classes and trainings, weddings, reunions, seminars, etc. The existing facility houses an auditorium, multiple conference areas and office spaces. The current facility is in great disrepair as shown in the photographs attached. The roof has been repaired multiple times and still continues to leak, which is a major concern because public records from the Clerk of Court Office are stored at the facility. Also, the facility was constructed on approximately 30-feet of muck causing settlement. The settlement has caused cracking in the foundation, as well as in the walls.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	2,517,500	2,517,500

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	300,000	10.6%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	300,000	10.6 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,817,500



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### 9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2016-17
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			
	Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)	
Input Amounts:				

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

### 11. Program Performance:

#### a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

This project would provide a new and expanded Agriculture Center for Washington County. It would include demolition of the existing building which is in disrepair due to foundation settlement, leaking roof, outdated AC and plumbing, etc. The current facility rentals bring in approximately 25,000 visitors per year and continued growth is anticipated. The proposed project includes a 15,000 SF building with rural development, livestock, 4-H, food and consumer sciences, and horticulture offices, along with many other uses.

#### b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The funds would be used to provide architectural, engineering and construction activities for the Agriculture Center expansion. The improved facility will provide enhanced opportunities for the citizens and youth within the Region. Washington County has seen an increase in exhibitor events which educate the participants and the public in the area of livestock, agriculture, horticulture, food production, and product services with special emphasis on youth activities.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be spent to expand the Washington County Agriculture Center. This includes survey, design, permitting, architectural services, and construction activities.	2,517,500
TOTAL		2,517,500

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Direct services for citizens include services provided by Food and Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, 4-H, Livestock, Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), and Rural Development. Also, events held at the facility include livestock shows, festivals, fairs, dances, pageants, fundraisers, banquets, graduations, theater and concert events, various educational and recreational classes and trainings, weddings, reunions, seminars, etc.

**e. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

General population; the majority of funds will benefit no specific group. Target population = >800

**f. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Completion of the project will enhance cultural experiences by providing additional areas for exhibitions, and multiple community, regional and state-wide events. This will include, but is not limited to, agriculture, education and competition opportunities. The success of cultural experiences will be measured by the total number of people visiting the facility each year. Completion of the project will improve agricultural activities by



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providing opportunities to educate participants and the public in the areas of livestock, agriculture, horticulture, food production, and product services with special emphasis on youth activities. Success of improved agricultural production/promotion/education will be measured by an increase in exhibitor events held within Washington County. The construction project would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area, and will required various types of construction crews to complete the project.

**g. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

If FDOT determines that the performance of the County is not satisfactory, FDOT shall have the option of (a) immediately terminating the Agreement, or (b) notifying the County of the deficiency with a requirement that the deficiency be corrected within a specified time, otherwise the Agreement will be terminated at the end of such time, or (c) take whatever action is deemed appropriate by FDOT.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Washington County Board of County Commissioners
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Washington County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Washington
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Allen J. Massey
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**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**